



**We
Remember:**



Round Robin Results:

Team Name	Total	10	13	9	12	11	14
10. Brines	71.59		8.15	15.29	15.05	14.00	19.10
13. Vance	58.24	11.85		10.77	5.72	16.18	13.72
9. Beatty	54.00	4.71	9.23		14.28	14.28	11.50
12. Tebha	50.60	4.95	14.28	5.72		13.14	12.51
11. Reynolds	35.54	6.00	3.82	5.72	6.86		13.14
14. Xiao	30.03	0.90	6.28	8.50	7.49	6.86	

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Knockout Results:

1	Levine - wins tie	190	40	25	70	55
8	Brod	59	27	7	7	18
2	Lall - wins tie	124	33	43	40	8
7	Ge	105	24	24	28	29
3	Sprung	140	42	52	25	21
6	Lo - wins tie	115	17	1	70	27
4	Lewis	137	37	27	26	47
5	Rogoff - wins tie	105	37	8	40	20

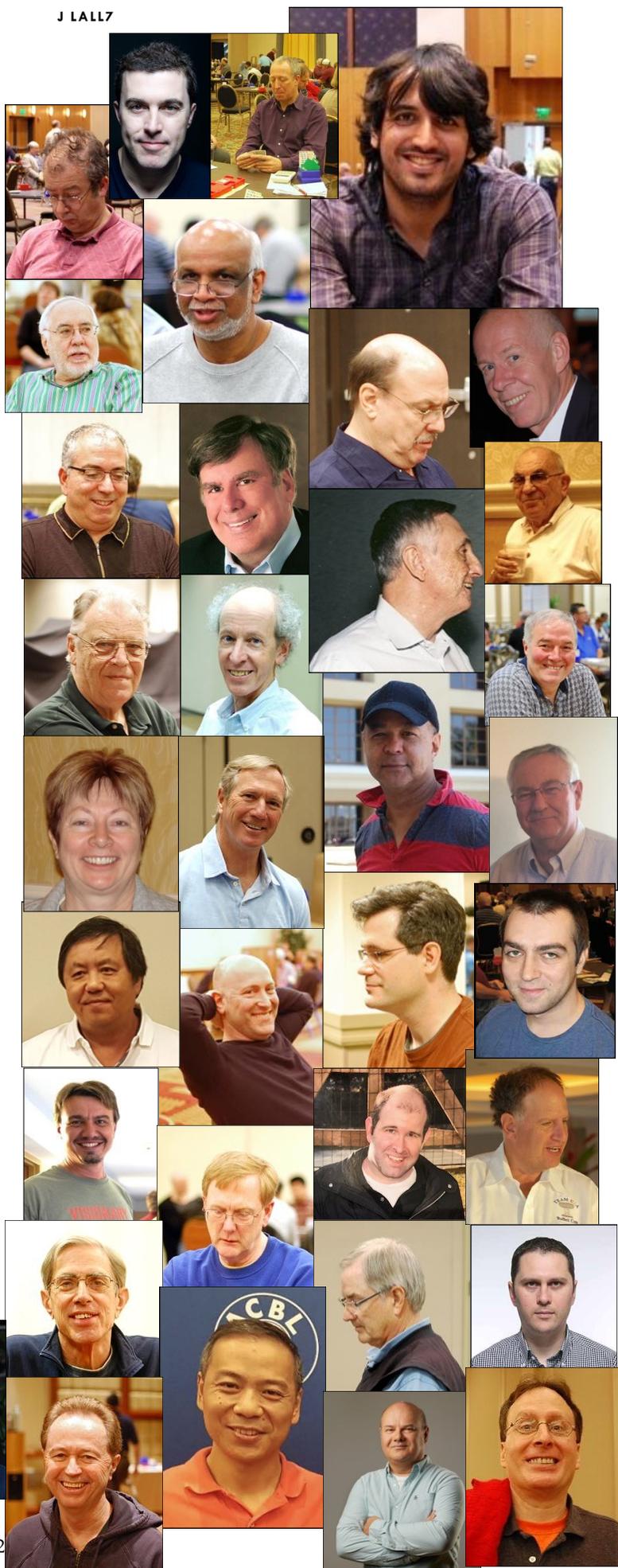
Tsk, Tsk...

Both "Handicappers" missed picking the one/two RR qualifiers to survive!

14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

J LALL7

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Alan Watson Olin Hubert	Fred Stewart Rick Binder Kevin Collins
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Joyce Goldstein William Scott	Maureen Brines Chris Donnelly Ethan Wood
Brod	Geof Brod, Capt Doug Doub Bob Bitterman	John Stiefel Yiji Starr Bob Cappelli
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Jun Shi Wanfeng Mou	Qiang Zhang Yanong Han Steve Chen
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Michael Penick	Reese Milner Jim Krekorian
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Eric Rodwell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Iulian Rotaru	Disa Eythorsdottir Radu Nistor
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Barry Rigal Alex Kolesnik	Glenn Milgrim Ira Chorush David Chechelashvili
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Karen Allison
Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Ferro Jerry Stamatov	Alex Ornstein Leni Holtz Jack Zhao
Sprung	Danny Sprung, Capt Bart Bramley Jacob Freeman	Phil Clayton Ira Hessel Franco Baseggio
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Ron Smith Andy Goodman	Steve Zolotow Tod Moses Kevin Dwyer
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Greg Vance Bob Munson	Jessica Lai Dmitri Shabes Bruce Tuttle
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Eric Xiao	Jeff Xiao Ming Sheng



Tournament Schedule

Bracket 1 Semifinal & Bracket 2 Stage 2 KO (8 teams)

Thursday	Sept 22	12:00 - 1:45	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15
		2:00 - 3:45	Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30
		4:30 - 6:15	45 Minute Break
		6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45
			Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60

Bracket 1 Final & Bracket 2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)

Friday	Sept 23	12:00 - 1:45	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15
		2:00 - 3:45	Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30
		4:30 - 6:15	45 Minute Break
		6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45
			Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60

Bracket 2 Semifinal

Saturday	Sept 24	12:00 - 1:45	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15
		2:00 - 3:45	Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30
		4:30 - 6:15	45 Minute Break
		6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45
			Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60

Bracket 2 Final

Sunday	Sept 25	12:00 - 1:45	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15
		2:00 - 3:45	Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30
		4:30 - 6:15	45 Minute Break
		6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45
			Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60

Russian dolls are so full of themselves.

What do you call 2 birds stuck together? Velcrows.

A guy jumped off a Paris bridge. He was in Seine.

I grilled a chicken for over an hour. She still wouldn't tell me why she crossed the road.

'Dad, are we pyromaniacs?' 'Yes, we arson'.

If your boyfriend doesn't appreciate fresh fruit puns, let that mango.

I tried to find a pun about carpentry but nothing wood work.

What do you say to a sheep that won't go to sleep? It's pasture bedtime.

I don't make puns about maize, they're too corny.

The best time to go to the dentist is tooth hurty.

Atheism is a non-prophet religion.

Whoever invented the knock-knock joke deserves a no-bell prize.

Sweet dreams are made of cheese. Who am I to diss a brie.

Calling a large water-dwelling mammal fat is very hippo-critical.

What's a feline's favorite novel? The Great Catsby

I've been listening to a lot of national anthems. I love country music.

I'll never forget the tallest guy at my school. His name was Hugh Mungus.

My aunt is pretty cool. We call her Auntarctica.

Bakers work hard because they knead the dough.

What would happen if the universe exploded? No matter.

A woman said she knew me from vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

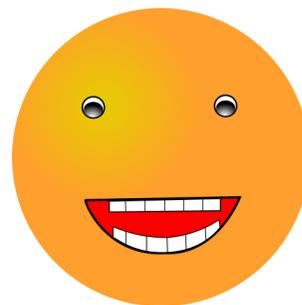
Satan likes his pasta al Dante.

Bulls make terrible shopkeepers. They charge too much.

"I bought you an elephant for your room."

"Thanks!"

"Don't mention it."



"PUN"ishment

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

To kibitz, go to kibitz.realbridge.online. Select JLall Online Teams#7. You will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table. There will also be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is).

At the table, you will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happens.

There is a chat window on the right. You can type into that window.

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" play using the slider underneath the table with the hand diagram.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----Click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is completed.

The KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board.

NOTES:

In accordance with the USBF General Conditions of Contest, each player must play at least one 8 board segment against each other team.

There are no seating rights - teams must submit their lineups before seeing their opponent's lineup.

Lineups for the first match each day will be due by 11:00 am; lineups for subsequent matches will be due at the start of the preceding match.

The tournament organizer will send an email to the team captain with the lineup of their opponent for the next match as soon as all lineups



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!



Board 8
Dealer W
None Vul

♠ 653
♥ 2
♦ QJ8754
♣ Q52

♠ 10987
♥ J1063
♦ AK
♣ K73

♠ 42
♥ A985
♦ 1062
♣ 9864

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 8 8 6 9 7
S 8 9 6 9 7
E 5 4 7 3 6
W 5 4 7 3 5

♠ AKQJ
♥ KQ74
♦ 93
♣ AJ10

Par +140 2♠+1 S
NS: 5+20=25HCP
EW: 4+11=15HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	3NT+1 S	♠ 10	430
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	3NT= S	♥ 3	400
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	3NT= S	♥ 3	400
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Ai-Tai Lo & David Chechelashvili	3NT= S	♠ 9	400
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	3♠+1 S	♥ J	170
Mike Passell & Mike Levine	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	3NT-1 S	♥ 3	50
Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	3NT-1 S	♥ J	50
Alex Ornstein & Bruce Rogoff	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♠-2 S	♠ 10	100

Bd 8, Dir W
3NT= S

W Reese Milner

♠ 10987
♥ J1063
♦ AK
♣ K73

♠ 653
♥ 2
♦ QJ8754
♣ Q52

N Steve Chen

Other table
3♠+1 S

E Hemant Lall

♠ 42
♥ A985
♦ 1062
♣ 9864

W N E S
1♣ 2♦ P 3NT
P P P

♠ AKQJ
♥ KQ74
♦ 93
♣ AJ10

Xin Ge S

On Board 8, four out of six declarers succeeded in 3NT. To defeat 3NT, the defense needs to get hearts going early. Two defenders led spades and continued the suit when they won the high diamond. This gives declarer an easy route to nine tricks, driving out the second diamond and playing a club toward dummy's queen!

If East/West attacks hearts early, they can establish two heart tricks, two diamond tricks and a club, but they must be careful to play their hearts in the right order.

Reese Milner led the H3 to Lall's ace. Lall returned the H9 to declarer's king while Milner followed with the six! Ge led a diamond to Milner's king and Reese led the HT. Ge ducked! If Milner visualized the position, he would have cashed his DA and then exited with the HJ. Instead, he continued hearts! Ge won and cashed four rounds of spades, discarding two clubs and a diamond from dummy. He led the D9. Milner won and tried the CK. Ge claimed, collecting three clubs, four spades and two hearts to make his contract.

To defeat the contract after a small heart lead, West needs to unblock the a high heart to avoid being endplayed. Ge played this hand very well... though it would have been best for him to win the HT and cash spades before playing a diamond, leaving Reese no out-card.

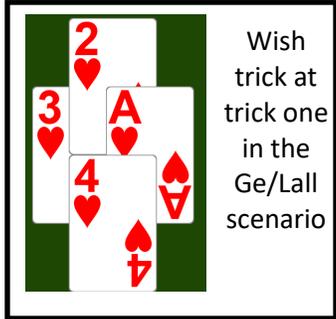
(Continued on page 6)

Bd 8, Dlr W 3NT-1 S		♠ 653 ♥ 2 ♦ QJ8754 ♣ Q52	N Alex Kolesnik Other table 3NT= S
W Ira Hessel ♠ 10987 ♥ J1063 ♦ AK ♣ K73		E Bart Bramley ♠ 42 ♥ A985 ♦ 1062 ♣ 9864	
Ira Chorush S ♠ AKQJ ♥ KQ74 ♦ 93 ♣ AJ10	0 0	W N E S 1♣ P 1♥ X 2♥* 3♦ P 3NT P P P	

In Sprung/Lo, Bramley/Hessel had more information and took advantage of it. Hessel, knowing his partner had at least four hearts, led the HJ. It is easier to lead the HJ from JT63 knowing that your side holds at least eight cards in the suit.

Bramley won the heart and shifted to a low club. Hessel won the CK and continued with the C7. Declarer won the ace and played a diamond to Hessel's king. Ira cleared the club and declarer cashed his winning hearts and spades for down one!

Bramley did not need to find the devastating club shift at trick two. He could have defeated the contract by continuing hearts so long as the defense arranged for East to win the last heart trick, keeping West off of the endplay in clubs.



Well played by Ge.

Well defended by Bramley/Hessel.

10 IMPs to Sprung when 3NT succeeded at one table and was defeated at the other.

6 IMPs to Ge when 3NT succeeded at one table and 3S North/South made four at the other.

Two handy cards:

The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!



Ethics Statement

Ethics - The provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

USBF Ethics Investigation Committee:

- Dana Berkowitz
- Eugene Hung
- Roger Lee
- Chip Martel
- Steve Weinstein
- Jenny Wolpert

System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the 2022 USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Coq Au Vin

Ingredients

COQ AU VIN

- 6–8 lb (2.7–3.6 kg) chicken, cut into 8 pieces
- 3 bay leaves
- ½ tsp (1.4 g) peppercorns
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 Tbsp (29 g) unsalted butter
- 2 C (500 ml) Bordeaux or Burgundy wine
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 med carrots, chopped
- 1 C (59 g) button mushrooms
- 1 med white onion, chopped
- 1 C (100 g) pearl onions, peeled
- 1 med leek, sliced
- ¼ C (31 g) flour
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp (2.5 g) flat leaf parsley, chopped

Directions

COQ AU VIN

Place chicken in a large bowl. Add bay leaves, peppercorns, garlic and wine. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours. The next day, preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Remove chicken and reserve marinade; pat chicken dry; season with salt and pepper. In an oven-proof pot over medium-high heat, melt butter and brown chicken; remove and set aside. Add carrots, mushrooms, onion, pearl onions and leek to same pot; cook until golden, stirring often. Sprinkle flour over vegetables; return chicken to pot and add reserved marinade, stirring to combine. Add thyme and rosemary sprigs; cover and bake 1 hour. Discard herb sprigs and serve, garnished with parsley.

SERVING SUGGESTION

Traditionally served over buttered egg noodles or roasted new potatoes, coq au vin also goes well with polenta or on its own with a crusty loaf of sourdough bread.

- **Prep time: 12 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 1 hour.**
- **Makes 4 servings.**



I wasn't chicken.
Cluck Cluck Cluck
I bid the slam...
It was pure luck!

Sad for me,
When it was through,
My goose was cooked,
And I was stew!

(Recipe, continued from page 7)

STOCK

- 2 lb (907 g) med shrimp in shells
- 2 doz oysters in the shell, reserve liquid
- 1 lb (454 g) lump crabmeat
- 6 stalks celery, diced
- 3 med green bell peppers, diced
- 3 med yellow onions
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped
- 2 tsp (3 g) dried thyme, divided
- 4 bay leaves
- 2 Tbsp (20 g) garlic, chopped, divided
- 6 C (1420 ml) water
- 2 C (473 ml) dry white wine

ROUX

- 1 C (237 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 C (125 g) flour

GUMBO

- ½ lb (227 g) andouille sausage, sliced
- 2 tsp (5 g) Creole seasoning
- 3 lg tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1 lb (454 g) fresh okra, sliced ¾ in (10 mm) thick
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Hot sauce to taste
- 2 C (322 g) cooked white rice, optional

GARNISH

- 2 bunches green onions, tops only, sliced
- Hot sauce to taste, Crystal or similar brand preferred
- Filé to taste

Directions

STOCK

Peel and devein shrimp, reserving shells for stock. Shuck oysters, draining and reserving liquid for seasoning. Pick over crabmeat, discarding any bits of shell. Dice celery and green peppers, reserving tops and bottoms for stock. Cut 1 onion into quarters; dice remaining onions and set aside. Chop parsley leaves, reserving stems for stock. Place shrimp shells, celery trimmings, bell pepper tops, quartered onion, parsley bottoms, 1 tsp (1.5 g) thyme, bay leaves, 1 T (10 g) garlic, water and wine in a heavy-bottomed pot. Bring to a boil over medium high heat; reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour. Strain through cheesecloth and reserve (refrigerate if made ahead). Alternately, you can substitute good-quality seafood bouillon.

ROUX

Pour oil into a large heavy pot over medium heat. Slowly whisk in flour. Reduce to low, stirring continuously for 45–60 minutes or until roux becomes the color of chocolate and has a nutty aroma. Do not allow to burn; if you get black specs, the roux has burned and should be discarded, as it will ruin the taste of the dish. Remove from heat, cool and set aside; or if made ahead, refrigerate.

GUMBO

Place sausage in a large heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally, until fat has rendered out, about 8 minutes. Add remaining onion, bell pepper and celery. Stir over medium heat until translucent, approximately 10 minutes. Add Creole seasoning and remaining thyme and garlic. Add reserved stock, tomatoes and okra; bring to a boil and slowly whisk in roux until desired thickness is achieved. Lower heat; simmer 30–45 minutes. About 10 minutes before serving, add seafood and simmer until cooked through. Remove from heat and add reserved oyster liquid. Season with salt, pepper and hot sauce. Serve over rice. Garnish with remaining parsley leaves, green onions, hot sauce and filé.

Prep time: 1 hour.

Cook time: 3 hours.

Makes 12–14 servings.

Louisiana Seafood Gumbo

(Recipes, Continued on page 9)

Firecracker Chicken

(beware... it's HOT!)

Ingredients

MARINADE

- 1 lb (454 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tsp (10 g) soy sauce
- 1 tsp (5 g) dark soy sauce
- 1 tsp (3 g) cornstarch

SAUCE

- ¼ C (75 g) ketchup
- ¼ C (59 ml) chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp (15 g) chili garlic sauce
- 1 tsp (4 g) sugar
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 fresh jalapeño, seeded and cut into thin strips
- 8 sm dried red chilies
- 1 med red bell pepper, julienned
- ½ med onion, thinly sliced



Directions

MARINADE

Rinse chicken, pat dry and cut crosswise into ½-in (13-mm) wide strips. Place in a bowl with remaining marinade ingredients, stirring to coat. Let stand 10 minutes. Make sauce by combining all sauce ingredients in a small bowl and mixing well. Place a stir-fry pan over high heat until hot. Add oil, swirling to coat sides. Add fresh and dried chilies and cook, stirring constantly, until dried chilies begin to brown, about 15 seconds. Add chicken, bell pepper and onion and cook, stirring constantly, until chicken is no longer pink in center, 2–3 minutes. Remove dried chilies if desired. Add sauce, stirring to coat. Bring to a boil, remove from heat and serve hot with rice or Chinese noodles.

- **Prep time: 10 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 4 minutes.**
- **Makes 4 servings.**

What do gym enthusiasts say when they can't find protein supplements? No whey!

A pony tried to sing for me but she was a little horse.

My ceiling isn't the best, but it's up there.

Buying an expensive wig is a high price toupee.

My dog's a genius. I asked him what 100 minus 100 is, and he said nothing.

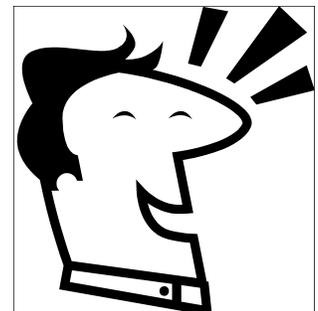
I used to race cars for a living, but I found they were much faster than me.

A dog that practices magic is a labra-cadabra-dor.

Pirates struggle to finish the alphabet. They get lost at C.

"Why should we hire you as a waiter?"

"I feel I'd bring a lot to the table."





As posted on BridgeWinners by Roger Lee...

Sylvia Moss passed away September 13, after a long battle with cancer. She was 79 years old.

From humble middle class upbringings, Sylvia had a brilliant career in business and retired as a partner at Blackstone Inc, one of the largest investment management companies in the world.

I was fortunate to get to know Sylvia very well in the last years of her life, and she made me feel like family. She was passionate about many things in life: business, family, travel, and charity. But anyone who knew her at all knew that that she loved one thing above all others: bridge.

Over the years Sylvia amassed an enviable playing record. She was an ACBL Grand Life Master with 10 NABC+ titles, multiple world medals, and a second place finish in the 2021 Reisinger.

Being her bridge partner for the last few years was really a great privilege. She refused to go to any tournament unprepared, and would often call me in the afternoons to practice, discuss auctions, or go over mistakes she

found in our notes.

As an opponent she was always cordial, but once the cards were on the table she exhibited intense concentration and mental toughness. Sylvia loved to win, but was always gracious in defeat, telling us that she had “blown it”, when in truth, it was always the rest of us who should have done better.

It was important to Sylvia that everyone was always comfortable and felt welcome around her. She usually wore a sweater and jeans, and she was happier eating pastrami on rye than anything upscale. A lifelong New Yorker, she retired to Boca Raton for the weather but always missed the city she considered home.

I feel very lucky to have known her. She taught me the importance of being humble, kind, and curious, but also that one of the most important things in life is to trust yourself when you know you’re right. Even though it feels like she was taken too soon from us, I’m comforted in knowing that everything she did, she did on her own terms, and that she felt her own life was lucky and fulfilling. I will miss her very much, as will so many others whose lives she touched.

And I would add to Roger’s great tribute...

Sylvia was a wonderful volunteer who worked hard to promote Women’s bridge. She served tirelessly on the ACBL Women’s Committee for several years in and around 2015, attending long meetings in the middle of the night following play at NABCs.

From 2009-2014, Sylvia served on the USBF Board of Directors. She had great ideas on how to promote bridge and her friendly persona made her a wonderful ambassador of the game.

Rest in Peace, my friend.



Sudoku

Answers

on Page 16

	2						
				9	5		7
					2	9	
	8		6	1		3	
		7					2
	6		9		5		
	3	1			2	7	
	7			3			8
8			7		1		6

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

2				4				7	
9									
				5	1				
6						2		9	
						9	6	5	
1					5		3		2
3	6	9							
				4					
4	1			7		3	9		

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to find and write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14



Arkansas	Rabbit's foot	Doug	August
Illinois	Horseshoe	Rudy	July
Virginia	Crucifix	Velma	June
Kansas	Talisman	Jalme	May
Delaware	Lucky hat	Eloise	April

Putting my car in reverse really takes me back.
 The doctor said I'm going deaf. It was hard to hear.
 What pronouns does a bar of chocolate use? Her/she.
 Puns make me numb, but puns about math make me number.
 I buy all my weapons from a T-Rex. He's a small arms dealer.
 Whoever stole my iPad should Facetime.
 What part of the body always loses? Defeat.

"Pun"t!



Board 17
Dealer N
None Vul

♠ Q98732
♥ KQJ
♦ J10
♣ QJ

♠ A
♥ A93
♦ A9532
♣ A732

♠ KJ1064
♥ 54
♦ K74
♣ 954

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 4 4 8 4 5
S 4 4 8 4 5
E 8 9 5 9 8
W 8 9 5 9 8

♠ 5
♥ 108762
♦ Q86
♣ K1086

Par -140 3♠= EW
NS: 12+ 5 =17HCP
EW: 7 +16=23HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Ai-Tai Lo & David Chechelashvili	2♣= S	♦ 2	90
Eric Rodwell & Eddie Wold	Yiji Starr & Doug Doub	2♠-3 N	♥ 5	150
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	2♠-3 N	♥ 5	150
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	2♠-4 N	♥ 5	200
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	2♠X-3 N	♥ 5	500
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	2♠X-3 N	♥ 5	500
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	2♠X-4 N	♥ 5	800
Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	2♠X-4 N	♥ 5	800

There were a lot of spade partscores that failed on Board 17. The nasty 5-1 break combined with the four bullets in West's hand made eight tricks impossible to come by.

At one table, North/South found themselves in their 4-2 club fit to achieve the only plus score their direction.

Bd 17, Dlr N
2♣= S

W David Chechelashvili

♠ Q98732
♥ KQJ
♦ J10
♣ QJ

♠ A
♥ A93
♦ A9532
♣ A732

♠ 5
♥ 108762
♦ Q86
♣ K1086

S Jacob Freeman

N Franco Baseggio

Other table
2♠X-4 N

Ai-Tai Lo E

♠ KJ1064
♥ 54
♦ K74
♣ 954

W N E S
1♠ P 1NT
X P P 2♣
P P P

Perhaps Freeman expected a better heart holding with West for the Double when he rescued himself from 1NTX by bidding 2C instead of 2H ... or perhaps he was simply scrambling out of a poor 1NT? Either way, 2C ended the auction.

Clearly, this contract could have been defeated... however...

David chose to underlead his DA at trick one. The SA might have worked better to promote a trump trick... Lo won his DA and not envisioning this lie, shifted to a trump. David ducked his ace and the jack won in dummy. Freeman played the HK, ducked around. The HQ drew David's ace. At this point, David could still defeat the contract by giving Lo his heart ruff. Instead, he cashed his club ace followed by his diamond ace, followed by his spade ace... it was still not too late... He followed this with a club and now it was too late. Freeman was home free with 8 tricks!

13 IMPs to Sprung when Bramley/Hessel defended 2SX down four at the other table, scoring +800!

Fun and Games Page

Homophones

Find and circle all of the homophones that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a message.

C H K E E R E L U O J O C L I Q U E M
U O P T H W D S P R A Y S E N O R H T
E O I D O N A A E E U Q R A M E I F G
D U S R E S M L B I K C I L C A N I U
S P R A N Y D L D A R T E E W S V S I
R A E T E A N O W U L U T O O R E H L
F C O S C R A W R D O D B S T T I E D
G E H U S F H E A I R L E S S A G R E
R D D M G N I D A E N K A A T H H O L
A N W E G R A P H E D N P F E S E V W
F E A O R O U N N P D A W I F L D E A
T E S S D E I W H E D P R O K U R R B
B S T R I P T A A I E L H E R U R D E
B E E U R U R S A I E D Q R S H W U D
E V R A J A Q M U S S U I S A R T E A
O T I R O E D R S M E T I N E S T H V
A S U H I N W V A U E F D A G I E F N
E F E O A E R E E M E N K R O U G H I
T M E H R A S D L N D E L L I G I N G

AIRLESS	FISHER	KNEADING	ROOT
HEIRLESS	FISSURE	NEEDING	ROUTE
ALLOWED	FRAYS	MARQUEE	ROUGH
ALOUD	PHRASE	MARQUIS	RUFF
BALD	GILLED	MUSTARD	SCENE
BAWLED	GUILD	MUSTERED	SEEN
BERRIES	GRAFT	OVERDO	SUITE
BURIES	GRAPHED	OVERDUE	SWEET
CLICK	HANDMADE	PACED	THRONE
CLIQUE	HANDMAID	PASTE	THROWN
CUED	INVADE	PRAISE	WAIST
QUEUED	INVEIGHED	PRAYS	WASTE
FARROW	JEWEL	REEK	
PHARAOH	JOULE	WREAK	

		Fliers					Lucky Charms					States				
		Doug	Eloise	Jaime	Rudy	Velma	crucifix	horseshoe	lucky hat	rabbit's foot	talisman	Arkansas	Delaware	Illinois	Kansas	Virginia
Months	April															
	May															
	June															
	July															
	August															
States	Arkansas															
	Delaware															
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	lucky hat															
	rabbit's foot															
	talisman															

Logic Puzzle

Answers on
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Months	Fliers	Lucky Charms	States
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			

1. The aerophobe going to Kansas will leave 1 month after the flier with the lucky hat..
2. The flier leaving in June will bring their crucifix..
3. Eloise will leave in April..
4. The aerophobe leaving in July will go to Illinois..
5. Of Rudy and the aerophobe with the talisman, one will leave in May and the other will go to Illinois..
6. Doug is either the flier going to Arkansas or the flier with the horseshoe..
7. The aerophobe with the lucky hat will leave sometime before the aerophobe with the crucifix..
8. Neither the passenger going to Arkansas nor the flier leaving in June is Jaime..
9. Of the aerophobe leaving in May and Eloise, one will bring their talisman and the other will go to Delaware..



The opposite of a croissant is a happy uncle.

If Americans switched from pounds to kilograms there would be mass confusion.

Board 26
Dealer E
All Vul

♠ 86
♥ 10632
♦ A106
♣ 10732

♠ K1093
♥ AK7
♦ Q97
♣ KQ6

♠ A52
♥ QJ95
♦ J
♣ AJ984

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	2	3	2	7 2
S	2	3	2	7 2
E	10	10	11	6 11
W	10	10	11	6 11

♠ QJ74
♥ 84
♦ K85432
♣ 5

Par -650 4♥+1 EW

NS: 4 + 6 =10HCP
EW: 13+17=30HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	5♣= E	♦ 5	600
Eric Rodwell & Eddie Wold	Yiji Starr & Doug Doub	5♣+1 E	♦ 5	620
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Ai-Tai Lo & David Chechelashvili	4♠= W	♦ A	620
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	3NT+2 W	♥ 2	660
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	3NT+2 W	♥ 2	660
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	3NT+2 W	♥ 2	660
Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	3NT+2 W	♥ 6	660
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	6♣= E	♦ 5	1370

♠ 86	N Bruce Rogoff
♥ 10632	Other table
♦ A106	5♣= E
♣ 10732	Iulian Rotaru E
♠ K1093	♠ A52
♥ AK7	♥ QJ95
♦ Q97	♦ J
♣ KQ6	♣ AJ984
♠ QJ74	W N E S
♥ 84	1♠* P
♦ K85432	2♠* P 2♥* P
♣ 5	2NT* P 3♠* P
Alex Ornstein S	3♦* P 3♠* P
	4♣ P 4♠ P
	4NT P 5♥* P
	6♣ P P P

On Board 26, Nistor/Rotaru bid an aggressive 6C. If you are going to bid aggressively, you better play well... and Rotaru did!

Ornstein led the D5. Rogoff won the ace and continued diamonds. Rotaru ruffed with the C8 and led a club to the king and the queen, Ornstein discarding a diamond. The C6 to the jack followed, Ornstein tossing another diamond. On the CA, Ornstein was starting to feel uncomfortable. He discarded another diamond.

A heart to the ace was followed with a heart to the king. When the H7 was led to the jack, Ornstein parted with a small spade.

The HQ followed and Ornstein was helpless. He couldn't toss a spade or the QJ would come down. He couldn't toss a diamond or the queen would turn good.

The squeeze was perfectly executed and Rotaru claimed his slam!

Yiji Starr played the hand the same way. However, since she was only in five, the overtrick was meaningless... and she risked her contract by doing so! If trumps were 5-0, ruffing the second diamond could have resulted in failure.

Like Yiji, Stamatov and Zhao played 5C. Zhao demonstrated his world class play. A diamond was led to the ace and a diamond, returned. Zhao guarded against the 5-0 trump split by discarding a spade on the second diamond. He took 11 tricks and made his game without risking the contract for the sake of an overtrick.

Zhao and Rotaru get the MVP award for the day!!

- 1C=5+C and 4+H
- 2C=GF, 2+C, could have a 4-card major
- 2H=5+C, 4+H
- 2NT=asking
- 3C=11-15, no 6/4
- 3D=asking
- 3S= short diamonds
- 5H=2 keycards, no queen

Humor...



Yesterday I was mugged by six dwarves. Not Happy.

I don't have a dad bod; I have a father figure.

Dyslexic zombies only eat Brians.

Before the crowbar was invented crows drank at home.

I bought a new blindfold but I can't see myself wearing it.

9	3	6	1	5	7	2	4	8
8	2	1	6	3	4	5	7	9
6	3	1	8	9	2	7	4	5
1	6	3	9	2	5	8	7	4
5	9	7	3	8	4	6	1	2
2	8	4	6	1	7	3	5	9
4	5	6	1	7	8	2	9	3
3	1	8	2	4	9	5	6	7
7	2	9	5	6	3	4	8	1

Answer to Sudoku 1

5	8	9	3	6	7	2	1	4
3	6	2	1	9	4	7	8	5
1	4	7	5	2	8	9	6	3
1	9	8	6	5	4	3	7	2
7	2	3	1	8	9	6	5	4
6	4	5	3	7	2	1	9	8
8	3	6	5	1	7	4	2	9
9	7	4	2	3	8	5	1	6
2	5	1	9	4	6	8	3	7

Answer to Sudoku 2

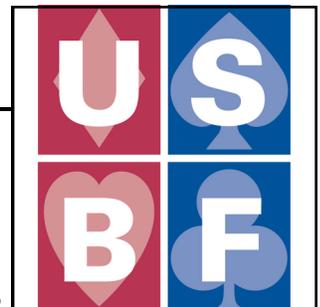
An explosive monkey is called a baboom.

Jokes about feet are corny but jokes about eyes are cornea.

What title do spiders put on their resume? Web developer.

I'm getting fat. It's because I've had a lot on my plate recently.

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→ The Problem

Logic Riddle...

It's the near future, and everyone is about to have the opportunity to fly their own jetpack. But before that can happen, a test pilot must write the safety guide for what to do in an emergency—like when the fuel gauge on the jetpack approaches zero.

In his test, the pilot hovers 100 feet above a pool of water, draining the jetpack's fuel until there's only enough left for one final moment of upwards thrust. As the pilot begins to fall, he is left with one very important question:

At what point during the pilot's fall should he activate that last bit of fuel to best minimize his upcoming splashdown velocity?

→ The Hint

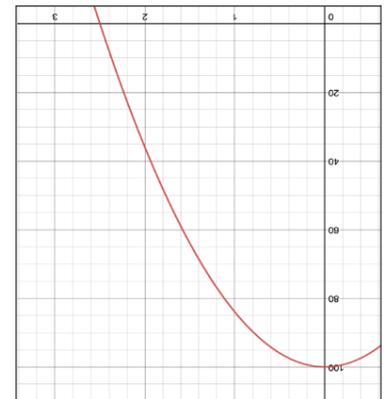
While your intuition for what to do in this situation could carry you a long way, the mechanics of a sustained jetpack thrust also get complicated quickly. To make this easier, let's treat it like a double jump in a video game and say that the jetpack translates to an immediate change in vertical thrust that lasts for the blink of an eye.

Now, if the pilot uses that thrust too soon, it will propel him above 100 feet and cause him to spend even more time in the air, generating even more acceleration and splashing down above 80 feet per second. So a good approach to the problem might be to use the thrust at exactly halfway through the flight, or 1.25 seconds, and see what happens. Before we start the calculations, we should decide what velocity we're going to get out of this jetpack! As long as we choose a constant amount, our results should work out just fine. I'm going to say that the magical, instantaneous thrust translates to an upwards velocity of 30 feet per second, or approximately 20 miles per hour. That's around the average human sprinting speed.

Solution:

$$v = -32 * t$$

$$v = -32 * 2.5 = -80 \text{ feet per second}$$



We can look at this graph two different ways to see that things get more dramatic as the fall continues. You can see that the pilot only falls about 16 feet in the first second, but 48 feet in the next second. That velocity at any point is also represented by the steepness of that graph itself. Early on, it's not very steep at all, but the graph gets steeper and steeper as time passes. The second equation can tell us the downwards velocity at the moment the pilot splashes down in the pool.

That's little time to make a decision, so let's quickly move to a graph! The x-axis represents time while the y-axis represents height above the pool.

$$t = \sqrt{100/16} = 2.5 \text{ seconds}$$

First, we can solve to see how long this fall takes without using the jetpack by setting $h(t) = 0$.

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 0 + 100$$

Since the pilot was hovering at 100 feet, we can set that initial velocity equal to zero and refine our equation.

$$h(t) = -\frac{1}{2}32t^2 + v_i t + h_i$$

How long does it take for something to fall? For most of human history, that was a very difficult question to answer. From any common height, things just fall too quickly to really see what's happening. We know that falling objects accelerate toward the center of the Earth, but it's difficult to see changes in velocity when all we have is our eyes, a timer, and a measuring tape. The whole thing is actually much easier with calculus, but let's keep this on a simpler level.

In order to solve this problem, we're going to need two elementary equations that govern falling and gravity. The first, a function of height based on elapsed time, uses the acceleration of gravity at sea level on Earth (roughly 32 feet per second per second), as well as an initial velocity (v_i) and an initial height (h_i).

→ The Solution



From Wikipedia:

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Rigal has represented England in the Camrose Trophy Home International series five times and won the Gold Cup; he was a multiple winner of the Spring Fours and Tollemache Trophy.

Rigal has been a Vugraph commentator for thirty years and chief commentator for the European Bridge League (EBL) and World Bridge Federation (WBF) since 2006. He has been an executive member of the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) since the early 1990s and was appointed President in September 2016.

Barry is playing in the JLall7 as a member of the Lo team.

Rigal edited *Bridge for Dummies*, was co-editor of the seventh edition and a contributing editor of the sixth edition of *The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge* and author of *Card Games for Dummies*.

Rigal has written for the *World Championship Book* for two decades. Rigal's books include a series called *Breaking the Rules* and books on declarer and defender deception. He is a regular contributor to *Bridge World* in the US and *Bridge Magazine* in the UK. He is also a columnist for the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and regularly contributes to the Daily Bulletins at national championships.

Bridge accomplishments

Wins

- Gold Cup 1991
- North American Bridge Championships)
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2005
 - Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2000

Runners-up

Gold Cup 1987

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1994



**Meet
the
Players**

Board 1
Dealer N
None Vul

♠ J1076
♥ J10832
♦ K4
♣ 76

♠ Q83
♥ A9
♦ AQJ87
♣ A105

♠ 9542
♥ Q4
♦ 952
♣ J984

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 5 6 10 5 6
S 6 6 10 5 7
E 6 6 3 8 6
W 6 6 3 7 6

♠ AK
♥ K765
♦ 1063
♣ KQ32

Par +420 4♥= NS
NS: 5+15=20HCP
EW: 3+17=20HCP

NS		EW		Contract	Lead	Score
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Ron Smith & Tod Moses	4♥= S	♥A	420		
Olin Hubert & Kevin Collins	Tracy Brines & Maureen Brines	2♥+2 S	♠3	170		
Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	2♥+2 S	♥A	170		
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	3♥+1 S	♠3	170		
Eric Xiao & Ming Sheng	Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	3♥+1 S	♥A	170		
Jessica Lai & Dmitri Shabes	Jeff Xiao & Victor Xiao	2♥+1 S	♦A	140		

♠ J1076
♥ J10832
♦ K4
♣ 76

W Tod Moses

♠ Q83
♥ A9
♦ AQJ87
♣ A105

♠ AK
♥ K765
♦ 1063
♣ KQ32

Tom Reynolds S

N Lance Kerr
Other table
3♥+1 S
Ron Smith E

W N E S
P P 1NT*
P 2♦* P 3♥
P 4♥ P P
P

On the first Board of the Bracket Two RoundRobin, Kerr/Reynolds bid their 20 HCP game. North/South play their own home brew bidding system where:

- 1NT=14-15
- 2D=H
- 3H=Super Acceptance with 4 card trump support
- 4H=GLP!!!

Kerr was aggressive. With partner's hand limited to 15, even after a super acceptance, one needs to get lucky! And lucky they were... every card is right! Poor Tod! He was looking at 17 HCP over the NT opener. He must have wondered how this could fare well for his opponents... and then...

Tod led the HA followed by the H9 to declarer's king. Reynolds played the D3 to the king and the C6 to his king and Tod's ace. Tod cashed the DA and Reynolds claimed ten tricks.

No one was vulnerable ... That was lucky for the Tebha team. It was only a loss of 6 IMPs!

Tebha went on to win the match 15-6, this being the only IMPs Reynolds scored in the set. No one can be this lucky on every hand!

Board 37
Dealer N
NS Vul

♠ —
♥ KQ952
♦ AKQ54
♣ 752

♠ J952
♥ 763
♦ 8
♣ QJ643

♠ A10873
♥ J
♦ J1092
♣ K108

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	9	6	12	11	7
S	9	6	12	11	7
E	3	7	1	2	6
W	3	7	1	2	6

♠ KQ64
♥ A1084
♦ 763
♣ A9

Par +1100 6♠X-5 EW

NS: 14+13=27HCP
EW: 9 + 4 =13HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	Randy Howard & Karen Allison	*6♥+1 N	♠A	1460
Ron Smith & Tod Moses	Grant Vance & Greg Vance	6♥+1 N	♠A	1460
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	5♠X-4 E	♥A	800
Olin Hubert & Kevin Collins	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	5♥+2 N	♠A	710
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	5♥= N	♣8	650
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Tracy Brines & Joyce Goldstein	4NT= N	♠7	630

Only two pairs in the Bracket Two RoundRobin bid the cold heart slam.

Smith/Moses had a good auction, though it was surprising that Smith did not bid 5S over 5H in case there's a grand! As it was, Vance led the SA and Smith collected 13 tricks. Of course, if Ron cues spades, it is less likely Grant will lead the SA, and without that, the grand won't succeed.

13 IMPs to Tebha

In the Donnelly/Wood auction, 2NT showed a 4 card limit raise plus, something Wood certainly held! Howard, like Grant Vance, was unaware of the spade void and also led the SA. 13 IMPs Brines

W	N	E	S
	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	5♦	X	5♥
P	P	5♠	X
P	P	P	

In Beatty/Xiao, Watson, East, minimized his result by balancing with 5S over 5H in the pass-out seat, going down 4... better than opponent slam but not as good as th game they were about to defend! 3 IMPs to Xiao

Limey Jack...

Tis a sad plight we find ourselves in today, but Limey Jack, as will all of Her Majesty's Subjects, once again keep a stiff upper.

In the matter at hand, Howie Dung whiffed badly yesterday and one ought put a pound on a warthog flying 'fore trusting his ramblings. Limey Jack, even at half-staff, can run rings round him.

Bracket one:

Levine-Lewis: Levine just has too many weapons should the Admiral stay focused.

Lall-Sprung: Lall gets another chance to pluck the sword from the stone in Bracket two.

Bracket two:

Brines-Rogoff: Rogoff picked Brines for a good reason. They will put paid to them.

Ge-Tebha: Because Limey Jack fancies the name Ge and Howie Dung will surely pick Tebha.

Beatty-Vance: Beatty after 7 furlongs.

It is pure faff that comes from the mouth of the Dung one. Limey Jack will help you cash a bob or two.

God save the Queen!

Ta.

Howie Doing...

Five head up Knockouts,
Thursday begin.
Five teams will lose
And five teams will win.

Levine versus Lewis?
Levine will ride high.
Lewis will fall
But won't go bye-bye!

Lewis will drop
At best they'll be "2" ...
If they survive
When that bracket's through.

Who shall I pick
In Lall versus Sprung?
Sprung's gonna stay
While Lall slips a rung!

Bracket Two looms,
Harder to choose...
Sometimes I think,
Both teams will lose!

In Brines versus Rogoff,
Rogoff is KING,
Brines' time is over,
Fat ladies shall sing!

Tebha tops Ge.
And stays one more day.
Ge be at home,
Watching the play!

One more to pick,
In this round, last chance.
Beatty comes through
And trounces poor Vance!

Cross IMPs...

jlall7 - Round Robin Stage 2 (thru R5 possible boards = 50)				
played at least 40% of boards				
<i>rank</i>	<i>partnership</i>	<i>totalimps</i>	<i>#boards</i>	<i>avg</i>
1	Joyce Goldstein - Tracy Brines	100.60	30	3.35
2	Bob Munson - Bruce Tuttle	29.60	40	0.74
3	Dmitri Shabes - Jessica Lai	14.00	20	0.70
4	Ron Smith - Tod Moses	27.20	40	0.68
5	Maureen Brines - Tracy Brines	8.80	20	0.44
6	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	12.60	30	0.42
7	Karen Allison - Randy Howard	0.00	30	0.00
8	Chris Donnelly - Ethan Wood	-2.00	50	-0.04
9	Alan Watson - Rick Binder	-5.80	40	-0.15
10	Kevin Collins - Olin Hubert	-4.60	30	-0.15
11	Anam Tebha - Steve Zolotow	-12.00	30	-0.40
12	Jeff Xiao - Victor Xiao	-8.80	20	-0.44
13	Eric Xiao - Ming Sheng	-9.20	20	-0.46
14	Andy Goodman - Kevin Dwyer	-14.60	30	-0.49
15	Grant Vance - Greg Vance	-21.60	40	-0.54
16	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	-31.40	40	-0.79
17	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	-25.80	30	-0.86
18	Eric Xiao - Victor Xiao	-26.40	30	-0.88
19	Jeff Xiao - Ming Sheng	-30.60	30	-1.02

These are the RR2 Cross IMPs. The KO Cross IMPs will be available once some technical difficulties are resolved.
It's Murphy's Law... Will update when available!! Ed.

See you on Thursday!!